

**South Dakota Pulse Crops Council  
Meeting Minutes, June 11, 2024**

**Chair Kip Erickson called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm CT.** Members present were Kip Erickson and Tyrel Eisenbraun. Leigh Leesman joined the meeting at 7:30 pm. Also in attendance was Ruth Beck and producer, Darin Malsam.

Some discussion occurred to introduce Darin to everyone and familiarize him with some of the activities of the council. Once Leigh Leesman joined the meeting and we had a quorum, we continued with business.

**Agenda:** Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to approve the agenda as presented. Kip Erickson second. Motion passed.

**Minutes:** Ruth read the minutes of the last meeting. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to approve minutes from the last meeting. Second by Kip Erickson. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Financial reports (Profit Loss Detail & Balance Sheet) were provided for review.

Bankwest account: \$1780.23

State account balance: \$ 238,061.51

**Bills:** Ruth Beck presented an invoice for \$1027.50 (February through June 10) and \$7.95 for expenses. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to pay the bills as presented. Kip Erickson second the motion. Motion passed.

Ruth suggested that \$3000.00 be transferred from the state account to the Bankwest account so if requests come for refunds, they can be paid quickly. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved that we transfer \$3000.00 from the state account to the Bankwest. Kip Erickson seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

Tyrel Eisenbraun moved to pass the financial report. Kip Erickson seconded the motion. Passed.

**Old Business:**

**Activities:** Ruth has been working on updating the website. Please check it out at [www.sdpulsegrowers.com](http://www.sdpulsegrowers.com) Hoping also to add the address [www.sdpulsecouncil.org](http://www.sdpulsecouncil.org). This way both addresses would steer people to the website. It will include production information but also council information. Anything that should be added or changed should be emailed to Ruth and she will ask the webmaster to make the change. We can continue to make updates.

**New Business:**

**Research Review Committee:** Dwayne Beck has been attending these meetings for the council.

**FY2026 Annual Budget:** The board reviewed a proposed operating budget for FY2026. There were very little suggested changes from the previous year. Tyrel Eisenbraun made a motion to approve the proposed FY2026 Budget as presented to the board. Second Kip Erickson. Motion passed.

Ruth Beck submitted a new contract for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Her labor went up \$5.00/hour. This is the first increase in 3 years. The hourly wage includes office space and use of her own computer, printer etc. Tyrel Eisenbraun moved the board accept the new contract as presented. Second Kip Erickson. Motion passed.

**Empty board positions:** Darin Malsam has agreed to fill the empty board position left when Brad Karlen resigned.

Leigh Leesmans term is ending at the end of June. Leigh would like to step down from the board. Ruth will let Brian Walsh and the SD DANR about these proposed changes to the board. The board will look for a replacement for Leigh.

**Liaison/Committee Reports:**

Committee reports will be discussed at September's meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 4, at 7 PM CT. Meeting will be held remotely over zoom. Please let Ruth know **at least** one day (preferably more) ahead if you cannot attend.

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn by Leigh Leesman. Second by Kip Erickson. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Beck, 605-280-7917